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Mailing Online Service

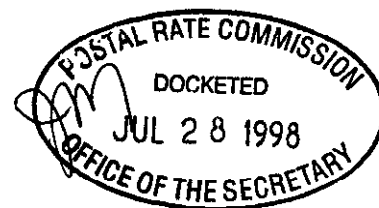
Docket No. MC98-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(July 28, 1998)

The Postal Service is requested to provide the information described below to assist in developing a record for the consideration of its request for changes in rates and fees. In order to facilitate inclusion of the requested material in the evidentiary record, the Postal Service is to have a witness attest to the accuracy of the answers and be prepared to explain to the extent necessary the basis for the answers at our hearings. The answers are to be provided on or before August 12, 1998.

1. For purposes of this question a "mailing" will mean the physical presentation of Mailing Online pieces to a postal facility by a Mailing Online printer.
 - a. Please confirm that a mailing will not have to conform to the DMM makeup requirements for the rate categories involved.
 - b. If a. is confirmed, please list the DMM makeup requirements that will be waived or modified for Mailing Online pieces.
 - c. Will each mailing be subject to the same cut off times imposed by the postal facility on other customers (e.g., a 7:00 PM cut off time for acceptance of First-Class automation mail.)
 - d. Please confirm that, in the Experimental Phase, nonprofit organizations sending less than 200 pieces could use Mailing Online and receive the same



postage rate (excluding printing) as a nonprofit organization sending 200 pieces?

2. Is the Postal Service aware of other providers of services similar to Mailing Online that include the ability to receive items in electronic form, digitally produce products ready for mailing that satisfy the automation makeup requirements, and submit the products to a postal facility for mailing at the lowest applicable postage.
 - a. If so, please identify and briefly describe each.
 - b. If so, please describe how each service differs from what the Postal Service is proposing.
3. Please confirm that the Postal Service will not supply Mailing Online customers with mailing lists.
4. Please discuss the applicability of the fees listed in DMCS Schedule 1000 to Mailing Online. How many "offices of mailing" will exist for First-Class and Standard A Mailing Online pieces:
 - a. during the market test?
 - b. during the experiment?
5. Does the Postal Service intend Mailing Online to extend to Cards (Compare Request Attachment A2, § 981.22, with Attachment B2, note 3).


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